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SUBJECT Bitola Garrison Ordnance
and Ordnance Stores Depot
(arms and ammo storage
possible missile related storage
facilities + sketch)

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1. In the area south of Titovo Brdo Mountain (Macedonia) there is a major complex of ordnance storehouses; the complex is directly subordinate to the divisional headquarters at Bitola (N 41.02/E 21.20).¹ The following belong to this complex:
 - a. Three buildings, each 40 x 10 meters, renovated since the war and repaired with roofs of Eternit /asbestos cement roofing/; in these is stored ammunition for infantry arms, automatic weapons, AA artillery, etc. The ammunition is packed in cases, ready for use. In the cellars of the buildings, artillery ammunition of all types is stored in the open (i.e., not packed in cases).
 - b. Three underground magazines, constructed in 1951-1956, with circular-shaped entrances, each of which is guarded by a sentry to prevent anyone from entering; here, according to casual remarks by military personnel assigned to guard duty at the depot, are allegedly stored "special arms" called "projectiles."²
 - c. Three underground magazines, with arch-shaped entrances, interconnected by a long subterranean passageway of undetermined dimensions. In these are allegedly deposited large quantities of artillery ammunition (for all types currently in use), as well as explosives for military engineers, antitank and antipersonnel mines, many cases of fuses and other explosives.

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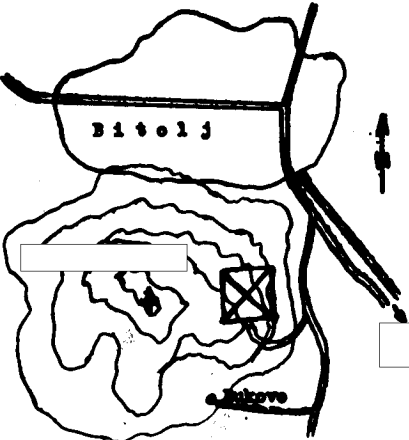
- d. About 8 to 10 wooden sheds, each about 50 meters long, filled with numerous pieces of field artillery, anti-aircraft and antitank weapons, and spare parts. There are also mortars of all types: 81- and 120-mm "R.B." (sic); 105- and 120-mm howitzers; antiaircraft machine guns, etc. All are maintained in perfect operating condition.
2. The entire complex is surrounded by a barbed-wire barricade, in three parallel rows, with concrete posts. A military guard constantly patrols the enclosure. 50X1-HUM
1. [redacted] Comment: Bitola is approximately 10-15 miles from the Greek border; the ordnance depot is located between Bitola and the border. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] Comment: Although details are lacking, everything points to the suspicion that these are either rockets or "missile arms" (armi missilistiche). 50X1-HUM
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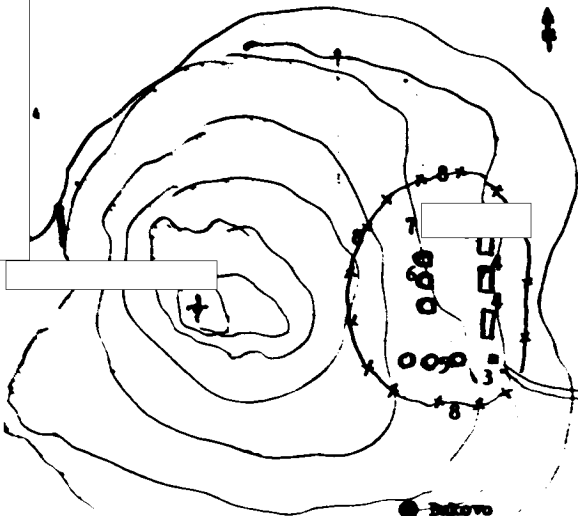
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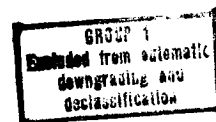


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Key to Sketch "B" of the Bitola Garrison Ordnance & Ordnance Stores Depot

1. Secondary road from Bitola (N 41.02/E 21.20) to the Greek frontier (at Dragos, Yugoslavia), known as the "Bukovo road".
2. Military access road, about 600-800 meters long, from the Bukovo road to the depot.
3. Building housing guard personnel and a divisional administrative office.
4. Three buildings, 40 x 10 meters, used for ammunition storage.
5. Three entrances to underground magazines where "special arms" called "projectiles" are allegedly stored.
6. Other entrances to three underground magazines, interconnected by a long passageway, where artillery ammunition, mines, etc., are stored.
7. About 8 - 10 wooden sheds, about 50 meters long, where field artillery pieces of all types and spare parts are stored.
8. Barbed-wire enclosure - three parallel rows mounted on concrete posts.



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